

Hello fellow anglers,

I hope this letter finds everyone in good health and looking forward to the 2022 Tyee Club season.

The main item of business this off season was the Tyee Club working with City Hall to get a building permit approved to start the renovation of the clubhouse and have it completed for the start of the 2022 fishing season. After a few delays, the project started in March and will be completed mid to late July. If the reno project isn't completed by July 15, it would be appreciated if members can make payments for wharf and registration online until the weigh master is moved into the clubhouse. Bob will be available at the clubhouse in the mornings and mid afternoon to dusk to handle walk in traffic.

Dana Bjorgford was the general contractor who managed the project and coordinated the many trades that were involved in the job. Numerous businesses and individuals have come forward to assist the Tyee Club and make the project as cost efficient as possible. The biggest change to the clubhouse will be the addition of an exterior wheelchair accessible washroom. This change will free up more interior space to showcase Tyee Club memorabilia as well increase the privacy of our tenants. The Tyee Club is extremely grateful to those individuals, businesses and club members that contributed to the project.

Safety on the water is a top priority for the Tyee Club. Despite the Club's efforts over the years to communicate to all, we continue to see behaviors in the pool and to and from respective wharves that are unsafe and not respectful of others. The R.E.S.T. Committee has discussed the issue this winter and have decided to post a "Safety Notice" at the Tyee Club wharf and the clubhouse to remind all anglers about a few issues which we are observing that are frequently being ignored by seasoned members or in some cases, newer members not fully understanding the rules or safe boating etiquette.

The use of bright lights by those fishing and rowing has increased in the last few years. The use of lights is an aid that is needed for a short time in early morning or the last few minutes of an evening tide. The concern raised by many is the use of very bright halogen lights tend to affect vision of those nearby and can also be viewed as an attractant. The R.E.S.T. Committee recommends that lights used when fishing should only be used by the anglers holding the rod to help illuminate the rod tip. The rower may need to use a light for tying knots or putting on a weight, but once that is done, the light should no longer be needed. The bright light used by the rower will affect those boats nearby as the rower will be looking over both shoulders often resulting in the bright light affecting many boats.

The Tyee Club web page has been updated this winter. Online registration has been moved to the main menu as its previous location was challenging for many to locate. Some sections have been removed or combined with others to facilitate easier location of information. A new section for members to share favorite fish recipes has been added to site.

The Tyee Club's 100th anniversary is in 2024 and Randy Killoran has been leading a committee that will help commemorate this event. Many events and memorabilia are being discussed to help celebrate the rich history of the Tyee Club.

Darrell Knowles has stepped up to be the manager of the Tyee Club wharf and relieved Floyd Ross who spent many years looking after the wharf not just for the fishing season but the off season as well. Thank you Floyd for your countless hours over many years of managing wharf maintenance and allocation of moorage for rowboats.

The Tyee Club has been involved in numerous community events for many years. Annual events such as the spring estuary cleanup, supporting the annual CRSF dinner and auction, assisting the local Brave Hearts Dragon Boat regatta and hosting the John Howard Society for an evening tide have been cancelled the last 2 years due to COVID. As restrictions are lifted, the Tyee Club hopes to carry on with these community activities.

The Tyee Club and Campbell River Salmon Foundation jointly coordinated a very successful estuary cleanup on March 19. This year's activities focused on the area near the Perkins Road wharf and had very large turnout of volunteers. Thank you to all those that attended and contributed to a great cause.

The Tyee Club net pen will be active again in 2022 at its usual location at the Government Wharf. Thank you to the Campbell River Guides Association for contributing to this project.

A documentary film of the Tyee Club has been started this spring. Discussions with a few members have taken place already with a few more to take place during the season. Video footage will be taken during the fishing season.

Looking forward to seeing you on the water soon.

Roger Gage

President Tyee Club of British Columbia